

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

November 2016



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to a new term - it definitely feels winter is upon us with the weather changing as well as the clocks changing.

I write this month's newsletter with frustration and disappointment regarding our latest Ofsted report. As you know Ofsted visited the school on the 4 and 5 October and as you will see from the report they deemed the school to be 'Requires Improvement'. I and the staff do believe we are a good school and continue to work tirelessly to support all your children emotionally and academically.

Please do read the report fully to help you form your own judgement of the school and whether you agree with the points made. We will use the report to support the school's judgements on areas for development but do feel that previous Ofsted reports have been far more helpful in identifying accurately areas of improvement. Unfortunately the inspection was driven by 2016 outcomes for our Year 6 which were a huge disappointment all round but I don't feel the school had a fair chance in proving otherwise.

The report can be found on our website or by clicking the link below:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/118574>

As you can see the report was only published on the 9 November 2016 so please don't think I was trying to 'hide' the report. It was very unfortunate that the local newspaper website published the findings on the report before I could inform parents/carers the report was public.

If anyone has any questions regarding the outcome of our inspection please feel free to come and speak to me either on the playground or by making an appointment with the School Office.

On a more positive note I was pleased to see so many parents/carers attend our Phonics and Numicon Parents Information Evening last night. This was an opportunity for parents of Year R and Year 1 to understand how we teach Phonics as well as how Numicon has impacted on the learning in mathematics and how it can be used at home to support learning. As I mentioned at the meeting, mathematics has been the strongest attaining subject in Key Stage 1 and Early Years for the last three years. Therefore I am confident this will be the same at Key Stage 2 in the very near future - we are still trying to 'plug gaps' in Years 5 and 6 due to the foundations of mathematics not being fully understood.

The presentation is available on our website, www.cage-green.kent.sch.uk - Home Page, below the 'Welcome from the Headteacher'.

Parent Consultation Evenings

A reminder that Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on the 22 and 24 November where you will be given the opportunity to discuss your child's progress as well as the next steps in his/her learning. It will also be an opportunity to meet with Mrs Middleton, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, or myself. No appointment is needed for myself or Mrs Middleton. Both sessions will begin at 3.30 pm with at least one session finishing at 8 pm. Please check on the booking system to ascertain which of the two sessions finishes at 8pm. We will be using the same online system as before and this will go live on Monday 14 November. Any issues with booking appointments please speak to the School Office. Please click on the link below to access the booking system. Only one appointment per child please - if a further appointment is needed please speak to the Class Teacher.



Our Harvest Spread

<https://cagegreen.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Attendance

Hopefully the attendance records that were sent home to all parents/carers at the end of last term have been of use. As you can see from the diagram below anything below 90% your child has less chance of success in school and possibly in life. Early indications show that lateness has improved this term which is very good news.



Attendance

The final week of last term's Best Class Attendance was 2L with 99% attendance. This week's Best Class Attendance is 3W with 99% attendance. Very well done 2L and 3W!

This concludes this month's newsletter and the next one will be published on Friday 2 December 2016.

Kind regards

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 Headteacher

